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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANJUL 1062

E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJ: ORGANIZING FOR MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY

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B) STATE 148782  
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1. AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW OF REF A, WE FEEL STATEMENT CONTINUES  
TO FULLY AND ACCURATELY REFLECT THE GAMBIAN SITUATION  
VIS-A-VIS UNGA AND OTHER RELATED INTERNATIONAL FORUMS.  
MULTI-LATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER CONTINUES TO BE CHARGE, MICHAEL G.  
WYGANT, WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL SUBSTANTIVE WORK AT POST.

2. REGARDING REF B (ONLY JUST RECEIVED IN BANJUL), DEPARTMENT  
SHOULD BEAR IN MIND GAMBIA'S KEEN INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS.  
FEW COUNTRIES IN DEVELOPING WORLD, LET ALONG AFRICA, HAVE  
RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUAL AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESS WHICH WOULD  
EQUAL THAT OF THE GAMBIA. PRESIDENT JAWARA RECENTLY SPOKE  
OUT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AT LONDON COMMONWEALTH SUMMIT  
MEETING AND OAU CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING IN LIBREVILLE.  
NEXT MONTH, GAMBIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL DELIVER SPECIAL PAPER  
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ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT CANADIAN MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH LAW  
MINISTERS.

3. WHILE GAMBIA IS NOT INCLINED TO GET OUT IN FRONT ON  
CONTENTIOUS ISSUES DIVIDING THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, ITS BASIC  
COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS, AND ITS APPRECIATION OF  
PRESIDENT CARTER'S NEW THRUST ON ISSUE, IS GENUINE. IN

DEVELOPING OUR HUMAN RIGHTS STRATEGY FOR UN AND OTHER FORUMS  
WE SHOULD KEEP GAMBIA FULLY INFORMED OF OUR THINKING, AND  
SEEK OUT GAMBIAN VIEWS IN NEW YORK AND ELSEWHERE. PRESIDENT  
JAWARA HAS JUST WON SUBSTANTIAL NEW MANDATE IN FREE AND FAIR  
NATIONAL ELECTION. AS PRESIDENT FOR 12 YEARS, AND EFFECTIVE  
SPOKESMAN FOR THE GAMBIA EVEN LONGER, SIR DAWDA JAWARA IS  
TAKING ON ROLE OF SENIOR AFRICAN STATESMAN. FOR THESE REASONS  
HIS STRONG PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE COULD  
HAVE GREATER INFLUENCE IN AFRICAN CIRCLES THAN GAMBIA'S SMALL  
SIZE AND MODEST RESOURCES WOULD OTHERWISE INDICATE.  
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